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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD
TO PRIME MINISTER KIM:

BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF
OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE
ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD PEACE
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP
AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END QUOTE

2. FYI FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD
FROM PRIME MINISTER KIM. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO RELEASE
TEXTS BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.

BEGIN QUOTE I EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY HEARTIEST
CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT
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THE TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN OUR

TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS
AHEAD. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, MY BEST WISHES FOR
YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND GREAT SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW RESPON-
SIBILITIES. KIM JONG PIL, PRIME MINISTER OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA END QUOTE KISSINGER

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